



INTRASTATE MEDICAL WAIVER POLICY STATEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE CLASSES A, B, AND C as of November 2007

The Registry of Motor Vehicles will waive compliance with the federal requirements pertaining to commercial motor vehicles for the purposes of driving **intrastate only** (within the borders of Massachusetts only) and will issue **intrastate** medical waivers for the following conditions only, provided the Registrar determines that the condition, in an individual case, will not interfere with the safe operation of a commercial motor vehicle. Individuals who are issued intrastate medical waivers must have a “W” (CMV Intra-state Only with Medical Waiver) restriction put on their license.

Intrastate medical waivers are only applicable to applicants for class A, class B, or class C commercial motor vehicle licenses.

Intrastate medical waivers are **NOT** applicable to school bus operator certificates or school pupil transport vehicle licenses.

For the purpose of the following standards, “physician” is defined as “a medical doctor who is licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

The Registrar, or his designee, may require such additional evidence of the applicant or licensee’s medical qualification criteria as he deems appropriate, or may modify these standards as an individual case may require.

1. Vision Impairment:

The Registry will issue an intrastate waiver for a vision impairment if:

the individual has a combined horizontal peripheral field of vision of not less than 120 degrees; provided the individual also has a distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in either eye, with or without corrective lenses, and the ability to distinguish the colors red, green, and amber.

2. Diabetic Condition:

The Registry will issue an intrastate waiver for a diabetic condition if:

the individual submits a written statement from his or her physician which:

(a) provides specific reasons why the individual is not at risk or is no longer at risk of suffering hypoglycemic spells or episodes; and

(b) recommends a specific date for the Registry to re-evaluate the individual's ability to operate a commercial motor vehicle safely.

3. Cardiovascular Condition:

The Registry will issue an intrastate waiver for a cardiovascular condition if:

(1) the individual does not have an implanted ICD; and

(2) the individual does not have Class III or IV heart disease according to the American Heart Association functional guidelines for classifying heart disease.

4. Loss or Impairment of Limb:

In accordance with the federal guidelines permitting a federal waiver for loss of a limb, the Registry will issue intrastate waivers for individuals with a loss of limb or impairment of a limb, so long as such loss or impairment of limb is not likely to interfere with the safe operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

5. Hearing Impairment:

The Registry will issue intrastate waivers for individuals with a hearing impairment, so long as the certifying physician states the condition will not interfere with the safe operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

6. Existing Intrastate Medical Waivers:

An individual who is unable to meet the medical qualifications to obtain a medical waiver as set forth in this Policy, but who held a valid intrastate medical waiver prior to June 16, 1998 shall be eligible to retain or renew such intrastate medical waiver, provided:

- (1) he or she satisfies the medical qualification standards applicable to the issuance of such waiver in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this policy (which are set forth in Appendix A);
- (2) he or she provides a certification from his or her physician that, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, the individual is medically qualified to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle; and
- (3) the Registry has no other cause to believe, based upon the individual's driving history or otherwise, that the individual cannot safely operate such commercial motor vehicle.

APPENDIX A

Intrastate medical waiver qualifications in effect immediately prior to June 16, 1998 for operators of commercial motor vehicles:

Customers with the following conditions may be granted an intrastate medical waiver provided the condition will not interfere with the safe operation of a commercial motor vehicle:

- (1) Visual acuity of 20/40 in the better eye with a total field of 120 degrees;
- (2) Insulin dependant diabetes that is under control;
- (3) Minor afflictions such as loss of finger;
- (4) Any other condition that the Registry determines in an individual case will not interfere with the safe operation of a commercial motor vehicle.